

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended. Claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled and claim 8 has been added.

The Examiner has indicated that apparatus claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended apparatus claim 1 to include the features of apparatus claim 3 which has been cancelled. Amended apparatus claim 1 thus represents cancelled apparatus claim 3 placed in independent form and is thus allowable. Apparatus claim 2 depends from amended apparatus claim 1 and is thus also believed to be allowable.

Apparatus claim 4 has been amended to place this claim in independent form. Amended apparatus claim 4 is therefore also now allowable.

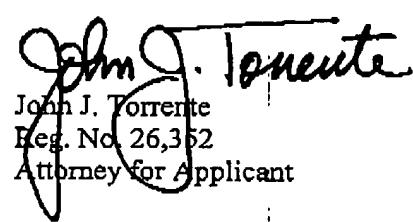
Method claim 6 has been amended similarly to amended apparatus claim 1. Amended method claim 6, and newly added method claim 8, which depends from amended method claim 6, are likewise now believed to be allowable. Finally, method claim 7 has been amended to include the features of cancelled claim 4 and is also believed allowable for the same reasons claim 4 was found allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the application are now allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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